

## REMARKS

This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action issued March 22, 2006. Claims 1-18 were pending in the application. All claims were rejected. Applicant believes that application is in a condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests notice to that effect.

The claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being drawn to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Examiner found that "Applicant's undefined input and output references are just such abstract ideas". More specifically, the claims needed to be drawn to a practical application.

Applicant has included the practical use in the preamble found in all dependant claims, namely:

"A method of transforming of data representing quantifiable discrete series of consequences of action through a series of calculations into a determination as to application of business assets investigating,  
comprising the steps of:"

Antecedent basis is found in the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 of the application. Moreover, each of the body of each of the claims has been amended to include the language:

"of an arc having a center describing at least one member selected from the group consisting of: an innovation, an emerging trend, a new policy and a new product"

Antecedent basis is found on page 11 of the application, definition of center. And to further include the language:

; and

predicting events causally connected to the center.

Antecedent basis is found throughout the application, including on pages 13 and 15, definitions of implications and wheel. The claims, being drawn to a practical application, have been amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicant respectfully requests notice to that effect.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, with the present amendments to the claims, oath and drawings, and in light of the above remarks, all of the presently pending claims should be seen to be fully supported by the present specification and to define an invention patentable over all of the art of record, whether taken separately or in any combination. The prompt issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is seen to be in order and is solicited to be forthcoming.

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that any minor matters remain to be settled prior to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, a telephone call to the

undersigned attorney of record is respectfully invited to assure prompt resolution thereof. Counsel may be reached at: **(763) 763-862-8987**.

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